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The Proposed Baltimore & Southwestern Railroad.

We are informed by a gentleman just returned from a visit to Baltimore, on the borders of Belmont and Monroe counties, that a very decided interest is felt by the people in that vicinity and in other points along the proposed line, in the early completion of the Baltimore & Southwestern Narrow Gauge Railroad. A great deal of money is ready to be subscribed to it as soon as the proper assurances of success can be given. Those engaged in canvassing for it mean business. Their intention is to tap the large and important trade of Monroe county and of the Muskingum Valley, and bring it to Baltimore. It is the trade of Monroe county, especially its tobacco, that contributes so much to the prosperity of Barnesville, and that Barnesville is trying so hard to retain by building a branch road from the Central Ohio at that point to Woodfield, a distance of twenty miles. The distance from McConnellsville, on the Muskingum, to Baltimore is about sixty-five miles, and it is estimated that a narrow gauge road can be built for about \$15,000 per mile, or a total of \$1,000,000. Such a road, when built, would open up a rich section of country to direct intercourse and trade with the Ohio river, and would be of great moment to Baltimore as its natural outlet. We should think it a much more important matter to Woodfield to reach the Ohio river direct, at so small a cost, than to simply build a road to Barnesville. The distance to Baltimore is only about twenty-five miles against twenty to Barnesville. Why therefore travel two sides of the angle instead of taking its hypotenuse.

The P. W. & Ky. Railroad.

We find the following paragraph in the *Wellington News* of yesterday: "We still hear nothing about finishing the P. W. & Ky. Railroad. Has this enterprise gone by the board? It certainly looks very much like it. All interest seems now to have centered in the Bethany and Washington road. Well, we have a new railroad anyhow. We are not particular so that an outlet can be secured somewhere.

The present status of the P. W. & Ky. Railroad is about this: Those in charge of it are interested in the representatives of Brooke and Ohio counties are preparing as fast as possible to pay off its debts and free it from all liabilities. This they do, and it is believed that little or no difficulty will be experienced in finding parties who will take the road and agree to finish it within a few months, provided it is turned over to them. It is not unlikely that a syndicate can be found within the bounds of the two counties that will take the road and bind themselves to put the cars in motion within a reasonable time. If such a company cannot be found at home, it can be found at no great distance from home. We have already alluded to a recent conversation with an influential capitalist, who has had experience in railroad building, who expressed himself quite willing to take the road and finish it inside of a year.

Let the representatives of Brooke and Ohio counties announce the road clear of debt and ready to be turned over to responsible parties prepared to guarantee its early completion, and see what will be the response.

Failure of the Saratoga Syndicate.

At last the general break in prices between New York and the West, both in freight and passengers, that has been expected for some time, has commenced, and advices from Buffalo and Chicago show that the New York Central and Erie roads have been forced into the fight between the Pennsylvania road and the Baltimore & Ohio. Such a result was apparent from the outset, provided neither Scott nor Garrett yielded their ground, which neither of them sought to do. We shall now have a great quadrilateral war instead of the duel lately in progress between the two last named magnates. The probability is that cheap summer rates will begin early this year. The speculators in the East who bought hundreds and thousands of dollars worth of tickets to the West via the Baltimore & Ohio ("good until used") supposing that they had a good thing when the quarrel would be settled, will probably be obliged to hold for a rise for some time to come. Meanwhile the Baltimore & Ohio having sold ahead such a liberal patronage can afford to regard the situation with considerable complacency. A vast number of people are bound to travel by their line for some time to come.

The State of Things in the South.

The press dispatches of Thursday furnished us with a synopsis of the charge of Judge Emmons, of the United States Circuit Court, to Grand jury at Memphis, in regard to the Civil Rights bill recently passed by Congress. The dispatches gave but a meagre outline of the charge, which in some respects is an extraordinary one, and as such very interesting reading at this time. The Judge denies the right of Congress to enforce a law imposing penalties for refusing to admit any one to a place of entertainment or on board a steamboat or railroad car. He holds that the great body of our civil and political rights, such as the acquirement and enjoyment of property, the exercise of our vocations in life, our protection against violence, the enjoyment of free opinion, have been duly declared by the Supreme Court of the United States to rest entirely under State protection.

This view of the Civil Rights Bill no doubt commended Judge Emmons's charge to the favor of the Democrats, and we expect to hear them praise this part of his charge. There is one portion of it however that we feel certain they will not dwell upon with much warmth of commendation. We refer to his terrible arraignment of the lawless and murderous disposition that runs riot at the South, and that leads him to deplore the

Let us have a New Public Building.

Capital or no Capital.

As nobody has yet asked my views in regard to the proposed appropriation for a Capital building I suppose that they do not intend to. I will therefore venture as a humble individual to volunteer some reflections on the subject. I cannot persuade myself that the proposed appropriation will meet with any serious opposition from our citizens. I cannot see why it should. The money will be spent in our own midst, among our own business men and mechanics, and nearly everybody will be directly or indirectly benefited. And certainly everybody can partake in the pride which we should all feel at seeing a Public Building put up worthy of a city like Wheeling. It seems to me that no argument ought to be necessary to convince people that Wheeling needs such a building as is contemplated. She needs a building of this sort to correspond with her enviable public structures of the same creditable community. No city of her size in the country occupies a more prominent position as regards industrial prosperity and soundness than Wheeling. In appearance, however, she does not begin to pass for what she is worth, and we certainly are entitled to appearances. As regards the convenience of a public building the case is far behind the little city of Steubenville. She has just put up an edifice that cost \$300,000. Zanesville is about to put up one that will cost \$350,000. Other cities are putting up public structures of the same creditable character. Why should not Wheeling? We can put up a building that will answer for city, county and State purposes. I shall therefore vote for the appropriation on the 5th of next month. Respectfully yours,

HIRSH YOUNG.

"It has been our painful duty in repeated instances to charge juries that the Federal Court had no cognizance of offenses where crimes so cruel and shocking in character, were shot to death, at mid-day, by a band of ruffians in their own house, for no other reason than that he had acted as the chairman of a committee to wait upon the Governor of his State to solicit his action for the protection of the negroes of that country, who were being driven from their homes, their houses burned and themselves murdered by the lawless conspirators by whom he was killed. The mock trial by which these infamous offenders were triumphantly acquitted was a still greater outrage than the crime itself. It is believed by many of our best citizens that there should be here as in every other government on earth, some power to bring such wicked men to justice, outside of and uncontrolled by the wills and passions which are united in their atrocity. As it does not now exist, and as no attempt at alteration is made by the State powers, it is natural that all those whose hearts are not of flint, and hope to be honest and proper as they do unto others as they would not others should do unto them, should strive to the utmost to find the source of protection in the Federal Constitution.

An Impetuous Relative of Gen. Grant's in Marshall County.

(From the Mountaineer Reporter.)

Marshall county can boast of a cousin of President Grant, living within her borders, who has not been favored with an office—perhaps for the reason that said relative is a female, and sixty-seven years of age. The said female was joined in the bonds of wedlock, on Monday, to a man—aged seventy-one—who, when he applied to our County Clerk for his license had not the necessary stamps, (\$1). He was obliged to pay the stamp, and the document, he left town and dispatched for one of the ministers of this place to visit a certain man's residence, at a specified time, and unite the happy young couple. Our friend, having an eye to business and expecting a goodly number of guests, he left town, through the deep mud, and joined the company. When the ceremony was performed he felt happy and waited anxiously for his bride, but it came not, nor is it at all likely that it ever will. We think Grant should give his new relative a fifth class postoffice to enable him to pay his indebtedness.

The Pittsburgh Window Glass Blowers.

From the Pittsburgh Evening Telegraph.

The window glass blowers are dissatisfied about the way they are being compensated for their work. They are paid by the box, according to the size of the glass contained therein. The prices range from forty-five to fifty, sixty and seventy-five cents per box. They affirm that the glass is not being awarded right, according to the scale of prices, and they desire a readjustment of the same. A meeting is to be held at the City Hall, building next Commencement—Washington Post Reporter.

HON. JAMES G. BLAINE and Secretary of the Treasury Bristow (the first educated at Washington and the latter at Canonsburg) will deliver addresses at the dedication of the new Washington College building, which will be held at the Commencement—Washington Post Reporter.

NEW YORK. COUNTERFEIT COUPONS. New York, March 26.—Some weeks since fifty counterfeit coupons were issued on second mortgage bonds of the Toledo, Wabash and Western Railroad, since which time thirty-seven more counterfeit coupons have been issued. All of the second mortgage bonds have been registered at the office of the company in New York. A meeting of the stockholders will soon be held in Toledo.

Good Friday in New York.

New York, March 26.—The lower part of New York was comparatively dull today. The number of people in the streets this morning was perhaps little less than on ordinary week days, but very little business was done. Large congregations assembled at the Roman Catholic and Protestant Episcopal churches, and the Lenten services were of the usual impressive character. Nearly all the courts are closed, and also the Stock and Gold Exchanges, and among the brokers the day is as closely observed as if it were a legal holiday. The banks and private banking houses are obliged to keep open, as they are doing little business. There are some counter orders for government bonds and something has been done in foreign exchange, all on the basis of yesterday's prices and rates. Borrowers of money yesterday made arrangements for loans until Saturday. The city can scarcely be said to have worn a holiday appearance, as the cloudy sky and dirty streets prevented its assuming a cheerful aspect.

Lee Fields in the Atlantic.

New York, March 26.—Steamships which arrived here yesterday brought reports of large quantities of ice in mid-ocean. The Holstein, from Hamburg, when in latitude 48 and longitude 40, passed two immense icebergs, and was three hours in forcing a passage through large fields of drift ice. The steamer Cambria, from Havre, met with a similar experience, but found greater difficulty in avoiding the obstructions. On March 18th, when in latitude 45 and longitude 46, the vessel passed a short distance from an immense iceberg, and about midnight came into an immense field of drift ice, and it was found necessary to go out of her course and pass around the field. The steamer America, from Havre, also encountered ice fields on March 20, when in latitude 43 and longitude 61.

Examining Commissioners.

ALBANY, March 26.—A resolution was adopted by the Senate to investigate the canal affairs which provides for the appointment of four commissioners by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and that inquiry shall be directed to the last year. The resolution named Samuel Briggs, George S. Briggs and Samuel Briggs as select.

Steamer News.

QUEENSTOWN, March 26.—The steamship Cuba from New York has arrived.

By Telegraph.

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.

TO THE DAILY INTELLIGENCER.

WASHINGTON.

CABINET MEETING.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—At a Cabinet meeting to-day the question arose as to the power of the President to appoint a Judge for the vacant Judicial District in Louisiana, to which Judge Pardee was nominated, but which nomination failed on account of the President's refusal to subject to Attorney-General Williams who gave his opinion to the effect that the vacant Judgeship could not be filled until the next session of Congress.

APPOINTED GEOLOGIST.

The Secretary of the Interior has appointed Walker P. Jenney Geologist for the exploration of the Black Hills country. He will enter upon his work immediately.

GOING TO NEW YORK.

The President will leave here next week for a brief visit to New York with the members of his family.

RAID ON A SAVINGS BANK.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—A sortie of a gang of thieves on the People's Savings Bank this morning resulted in the loss of a number of papers valued at \$12,000, but which are of no avail to the thief, ONE HUNDRED VACANCIES TO BE FILLED.

There will be about one hundred vacancies among the cadet midshipmen at the Naval Academy to be filled at the annual examination, in June next. The members of the academy from those districts are not represented at the academy are making their nominations to the Secretary of the Navy.

Gibson County Ku-Klux Trial.

MEMPHIS, March 26.—In the Ku-Klux cases from Gibson county, Judge Kinnison yesterday said that he was not authorized to give judgment for the defendant, but that he would reserve the case until he had heard from the State of Tennessee.

Good Friday.

MEMPHIS, March 26.—The attendance of the Episcopal and Catholic Churches was large and impressive services of the day are being unusually large.

THE EXPRESS ROBBERIES.

Matt Morris alias Pittsburgh Matt, the leader of the quartette engaged in the Express robbery here the first of February arrived here this morning and is now in jail. As the four men are already indicted they will have speedy trials. It is generally believed that Morris and Johnston will pay the penalty of their crime upon the scaffold. Johnston who was at first bold and defiant has completely broken down since learning that his offense is punishable with death and shrieks and yells like a mad man.

Republican State Convention.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 26.—The Republican State Convention was in session all night, and this morning nominated Henry Lippitt, of Providence, for Governor by just the requisite number of votes. Henry T. Sisson, of Littleton, was nominated for Lieutenant Governor. J. Wadsworth, Secretary of State; Willard Clark, Attorney General; and Samuel Clark, General Treasurer, the last three being the present incumbents. The chief reason for the prolonged struggle was the opposition of the long established party of the State to the nomination of Lippitt.

A Bold Attempt to escape from the Jeffersonville Penitentiary.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., March 26.—Eighty convicts in the State prison, at work in the foundry, made a bold attempt to escape. At three o'clock this afternoon they suddenly quit work and overpowered the guards, tied and blinded them, and succeeded in partially getting away. When the general alarm was given and the outside guard rushed to the rescue and on the top of the walls forced the convicts at the muzzle of their Spencer rifles to desist further attempt at escape. The leaders in the conspiracy were promptly dealt with and all quiet restored.

Advance of Wages at the Fall River Mills.

FALL RIVER, March 26.—The Manufacturers' Board of Trade have voted that on and after the first Monday of April the price of weaving be advanced to twenty-five cents per cut, and the pay of other operatives in proportion. This is substantially the price paid prior to January. The advance is based wholly upon the improvement in the print cloth market, and hence must be governed largely by it.

Escape of Communist Prisoners.

MELBOURNE, March 26.—Twenty prominent Communist prisoners, escaped from the leadership of Dr. Rastinoff escaped from New Caledonia in boats built by themselves.

Letter from General Sheridan on the Black Hills Country.

CHICAGO, March 26.—Lieutenant General Sheridan has written the following interesting letter concerning the Black Hills country. It sets forth what has been done and what the government proposes to do in the matter, and immediately concerns all who contemplate going into that country for gold:

HON. H. W. DEVER, SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

General W. T. Sherman, Headquarters of the Army, St. Louis:

GENERAL.—In reply to your question, "What do you know of the Black Hills?" I respectfully submit the following remarks: My first knowledge of the Black Hills was derived from an interview with the late Father Desmet, the missionary, who came to the country on the Columbia river, in Oregon, from whom I heard the Indian romance of a mountain of gold in the Black Hills, and his explanation of that extraordinary and delusive story. To the Indians, frontiersmen and explorers the Black Hills country is more extensive than that in particular locality brought to the notice of the public by the recent explorations of General Custer, and gets its name from the black, scrubby character of the timber which grows on the sides and tops of the mountains and about the base of the country of the Indian boundary on the east by longitude 102°, on the north by the Sweet Water and Laramie rivers, on the west by the Big Horn and Wind rivers, and on the north by the Yellowstone river. This is really the country of the Black Hills, but the name is given to several localities called Black Hills, for instance "Black Hills of Louisiana," "Black Hills of Powder River," and "Black Hills of Shoshone River," the latter being the one in which General Custer made his reconnaissance last summer. It is now a common speculation as to the present time, and within its bounds, it is supposed by a large number of people, is to be found Father Desmet's mountain of gold. Father Desmet's story: While living with the Sioux Indians he was shown a certain mountain which he informed him had been obtained at different points in the Black Hills, supposed to be from the beds of Big Horn, Rosebud and Powder rivers, and from the branches of the Tongue river, and on his representing that such a relic of metal would be of great value, he was told that there was a mountain of it. 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